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ANARTS CO-FOUNDER, SYD VK2SG, SILENT KEY

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF SYD MOLEN, VK2SG, CO-FOUNDER OF ANARTS WITH BILL STORER, VK2EG AND OTHERS. SYD SUCCUMBED TO A HEART ATTACK ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER 1995.

REPRINTED BELOW IS THE EULOGY GIVEN BY BILL, VK2EG, AT HIS FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 1996.

SYD WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN RADIO AND ELECTRONICS. HE WAS AN AVID SHORT WAVE LISTENER IN HIS TEENAGE YEARS.

EVEN IN HIS SCHOOL DAYS, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT HE HAD BITS AND PIECES OF CRYSTAL SETS HIDDEN IN HIS DESK.

IN 1939 HE JOINED THE RAAF AND SERVED THROUGHOUT THE HOSTILITIES ON HUDSON AND DC3 AIRCRAFT IN THE OPERATIONAL PACIFIC THEATRE OF WAR, AS WELL AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONICS.

IT WAS DURING HIS WAR SERVICE THAT HE MET AND MARRIED JEAN.

AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE AIRFORCE IN 1945 HE BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE AS ONE OF THEIR LEADING MOBILE TECHNICIANS IN THE FAR OUTBACK OF QUEENSLAND AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT HE BECAME A LICENSED AMATEUR WITH THE CALLSIGN OF VK4SE.

AFTER LEAVING THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE, HE OBTAINED HIS BROADCAST CERTIFICATE AND WAS EMPLOYED WITH VARIOUS BROADCAST STATIONS AND ENDED UP WITH 2UW IN SYDNEY. HE THEN TOOK OUT HIS CURRENT CALL VK2SG.

FROM HERE HE BROADENED HIS HORIZONS BY ASSISTING WITH THE PLANNING AND EVENTUAL OPENING OF CHANNEL 10 TELEVISION STUDIOS. HE SERVED IN THEIR STUDIO AND EVENTUALLY THE TRANSMITTING FACILITIES.

HE EVENTUALLY RETIRED FROM CHANNEL 10 AROUND 1980.

ALL THROUGH THESE YEARS HE WAS AN ACTIVE AMATEUR, GAINING DIFFERENT AWARDS FOR DIFFERENT FIELDS OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND STILL CONTINUED EXPERIMENTING WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HIS HOBBY.

IN 1970 SYD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST 8600-MILE VOYAGE OF THE RAFT - LA BALSA - ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA. THE RAFT'S RADIO EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONED APPROACHING AUSTRALIA AND IT WAS WITH SYD'S TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND DEDICATION THAT ENABLED THEM TO MAKE THEIR SUCCESSFUL LANDFALL.

IT WAS DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS THAT HE BECAME INTERESTED IN DIGITAL METHODS OF COMMUNICATION AND WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS OF THESE NEW MODES. MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT THAT WAS USED WAS SURPLUS DISPOSALS AND SYD, WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE, DEVELOPED NEW IDEAS.

HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDATION MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO TELEPRINTER SOCIETY AND WAS A REGULAR PARTICIPANT IN MANY CONTESTS AND FURTHERED AND ENCOURAGED YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE AMATEUR FRATERNITY TO BECOME ACTIVE AMATEURS IN THE DIGITAL MODES.

SYD WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH HIS ORIGINATION OF THE RADIOTELETYPE DX NOTES AND, ALTHOUGH HE GAVE THE ORIGINATION OF THESE NOTES TO OVERSEAS AMATEURS AFTER ILLNESS FORCED HIM TO CUT DOWN ON HIS RADIO ACTIVITIES, THEY ARE STILL SENT WORLDWIDE WEEKLY AND KNOWN AS THE "VK2SG DX NOTES" - THEY EVEN NOW APPEAR ON THE NEW SUPER HIGHWAY - THE INTERNET. SYD HAS MANY AMATEUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD WHO REMEMBER HIM FONDLY AND WILL MISS SEEING THAT VK2SG CALLSIGN ON THEIR SCREENS. SYD'S PIONEERING IN AMATEUR RADIO HAS GIVEN MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD A LOT OF PLEASURE.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN.

VALE SYD MOLEN, VK2SG

IPS WEEKLY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

(29 DECEMBER - 04 JANUARY)

ISSUED 05 JANUARY

SUMMARY

Date	29	30	31	01	02	03	04
10cm	76	75	75	75	75	81	85
A	2	7	7	5	7	8	(4 estimated)
T	4	14	10	-2	19	24	16

SOLAR ACTIVITY WAS LOW ON 3RD JANUARY, AND VERY LOW FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIOD.

THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD AT LEARMONTH W.A. WAS QUIET 29TH TO 30TH DECEMBER, AND QUIET TO UNSETTLED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK.

MAXIMUM USABLE FREQUENCIES AT SYDNEY WERE MOSTLY NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES, WITH FREQUENCIES DEPRESSED TO 20 PER CENT DURING NIGHT HOURS ON 31ST DECEMBER, AND ENHANCED AT TIMES TO 15 PER CENT ON 3RD JANUARY. SPREAD F WAS OBSERVED DURING LOCAL NIGHT ON 3RD.

FORECAST (05 JANUARY - 11 JANUARY)

SOLAR: VERY LOW TO LOW

GEOMAGNETIC: QUIET TO UNSETTLED

IONOSPHERIC: NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES.

COURTESY OF IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES

VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES FOR WEEKENDING DEC. 29TH 1995 (BID RTDX1229)

Our thanks this week go to: ZS5S, W2JGR, WB2CJL, W5KSI, W5/TI2MAG, AA5AU,K4HSF,WA5TUD, KB2ZP, DF2KU, IK3SSO, I5IGQ, IK5AAX, I1JQJ and the 425 DXgang,DJ3IW and the Central-Europe DX Cluster Node DB0SPC the NJ0M Node of Minnesota and the IK5PWJ PacketCluster.

BANDPASS:
FRIDAY 22
0821-14084 A92GD
0823-14088 A43SJ
1047-14083 PJ2MI
1239-14085 YL1ZE

SATURDAY 23
0832-14085 EA1MV
1104-14086 GU0SUP
1304-14084 WP4Q
1305-14083 KP2BH
1314-14086 9Q5MRC
1429-14087 4L1BR
2258-14085 SV2ASP/A
2353-14090 HL1SU

SUNDAY 24
0830-14083 CN8LI
0910-14080 ZP6CC
1225-21069 S92ZM Pactor
1330-14083 FR5HG
1515-14081 YV4WT
1522-14087 HA2VB
1523-14088 OM3IAG
1737-14083 EI5EV
2012-14079 PS8KW Pactor
2016-14083 V31AR
2242-14083 WP4Q
2310-14084 ZP5FGS

MONDAY 25 (Happy Xmas)
0025-14086 LU9GCX
0927-14085 LX1DA
0757-14085 FK8FI Qsl F6GZA
1100-14083 WP4Q
1414-14083 9K2HN
1415-14085 J28JC
1652-14084 4L1BR
1813-14069 TL8MS Pactor

TUESDAY 26
0050-14081 LU7EZR
0102-14085 ZP6GG
0739-14071 4X6LM Pactor
1013-14085 UA9TK
1021-14088 YL1ZE
1338-14080 LX1DA

1435-14084 PZ1AP
2225- 7086 HK1HHX

WEDNESDAY 27
1027-14081 OH0MMF
1502-14082 IS0QDV
2043-145550 R0MIR PACKET

THURSDAY 28
0702-14082 A92GD
0718-14069 SU1CR Pactor
0738-21069 S92ZM Pactor
1116-14081 GW3FSW
1118-14085 GD4EBA
1210-14081 A92GD
1241-14081 OH0MMF
1325-14069 TL8MS Pactor
1441-14083 9Y4VU
1534-14089 IS0QDV

NOTES OF INTEREST:
DJIBOUTI, J2. From 11th to 18th January, J28ML with other ten hams will activate an Island on the Guld of Aden (AF053). Band used from 10 to 160 and mode include also RTTY. Qsl via F5LBM.

PRATAS, Is.BV9P. Under the Xmas tree we all received a new one from the DXAC which has votes unanimously to add Pratas Is. to the DXCC list. QSL cards will be accepted starting 1 April 1966, card sent prior of that date will be returned without action.

The VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES are also available on Internet at reflectors dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org, an digital-dx@st.rim.or.jp. See also the OH2BUA WebCluster at URL
http://www.clinet.fi/(TILDE)jukka/webcluster.html

For next week's bulletin send your bandpass to Bob, WB2CJL at W5KSI.#NOLA.LA.USA.NA.

Happy New Year 1996 and gl de (DX2) Luciano, I5FLN AT ZS5S.ZAF.AF

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>From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT
December 28, 1995
To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with info provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, QRZ DX, Dick, K7BTW, Laci, W1PL, The DXNS, Derek, KC4ELO, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club PacketCluster network and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

KUWAIT, 9K2. Derek, KC4ELO, reports that Tom, 9K2ZC, and his wife Donna, 9K2YY, will be leaving Kuwait sometime in March of 1996. They both can be found between 14195 and 14220 kHz usually around 1500 to 1600z during this time of year. QSL Manager KC4ELO states he will start doing bureau cards when they are out of Kuwait. He plans to keep their logs open until the end of 1996. QSL to KC4ELO, Raymond H. McClure, 674 Crestlyn Drive, North Augusta, SC 29841.

WESTERN MALAYSIA, 9M2. Tex, 9M2TO, is currently active from Penang Island, IOTA AS-015 located in the Penang State Group. He will be looking for stateside stations on 17, 30, 40 and 80 meters with no times given. QSL to Tex Izumo, Bukit Dumbar Apt. 9-4, 97 Jalan Thomas 11700, Gelugor, Penang, Malaysia or via the bureau to his home call, JA0DMV, through JARL.

BANGLADESH, S21. Andy, S21YE, will be active for one more year on all bands, SSB only. S21B is also active for CW QSOs. Check 14226 kHz around 0030z. QSL via G0EHX.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Gerard, F2JD, will be returning to France before heading to 5R-land. He plans to stay in 5R-land for at least 6 months, beginning in January. He will try to be active on all bands.

MONACO, 3A. Luc, I1YRL, will be operating from here as 3A/I1YRL during January, February and March. He will also be active from Geneva as 4U1ITU during this time period. QSL via I1YRL.

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS, LU. LU6Z has been very active on 40 meter CW from 0200 to 0500z. QSL via LU6EF.

COMOROS, D6. The DXNS reports that Michel, FR5HG, is on an assignment here and is waiting for a D68 callsign.

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND, HK0. Wolfgang, DF4UW, plans to be active from this small island near Providencia, NA-049, from January 9 to 24. The call will be HK0/DF4UW. QSL via his home call.

GUATEMALA, TG. Manfred, TG9IKE, reports that David, K4TT, will be active as TG9IDK from January 1 to 10. He will work all bands from 10 to 40 meters, mostly CW, 5 up from the edge of the band, as propagation allows. QSLs go to K4TT's call book address.

INDIA, VU. Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be active as VU2BMS during the month of January. Activity will be mainly on 80 and 40 meters operating SSB and Pactor. QSL via CBA.

QSL NOTE. 4X6FU is not the QSL manager for 4L1FL. Send QSLs for this one to 4X6UF.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Hungary will celebrate its 1100th birthday with special event operations from 0001z January 1 until 2400z December 31. Look for participants with HA1 to HA0 or HG1 to HG0 prefixes.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY	6TH-7TH	ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP
FEBRUARY	10TH-11TH	WW RTTY WPX CONTEST

Society information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065 Australia, for such matters as membership and general enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the President(Col) VK2CTD at VK2DAA, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA at VK2WI.

News items may be sent to Broadcast Officer PO Box 60 Blacktown 2148 Australia, or by packet to VK2JPA at VK2AAB. Email address for the Broadcast Officer is :

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The Society welcomes news items on any digital subjects from anywhere in the broadcast coverage area. We are looking for-ward to news from your areas to let other amateurs know what you are doing in the hobby. Hope to hear from you.

73s de Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer

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